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RE: Response to Administrative Inquiry on Toronto Parking Authority Open Data

This letter responds to the Administrative Inquiry submitted on September 21, 2017, by Councillor Paul Ainslie regarding Toronto Parking Authority’s publication of parking data on the City’s Open Data web portal. The following provides the TPA’s response to the two questions contained in the Administrative Inquiry.

Q1. “When will the Toronto Parking Authority regularly release open datasets and update them on a regular basis as mandated by Toronto City Council?”

A1.

- The TPA is working with the office of the City’s Chief Information Officer to ensure that it prepares open data sets consistent with the Open Data Master Plan currently being developed;
- The Toronto Parking Authority is partnering with the Open Data Team to release Green P parking transaction data in January 2018. This data will be released monthly and will represent volume and total revenue by Green P parking lot location; and,
- The TPA is endeavouring to publish additional Open Data by March 31, 2018, in accordance with a motion adopted by the Government Management Committee when considering Item GM22.27, Changes to the On-Street Paid Parking Rates and Hours of Operation, at its meeting of September 25, 2017.

Q2. “When will the Toronto Parking Authority provide a detailed list of soon to be released open data sets with the date for release?”

A2

- This list is being compiled in consultation with the Open Data Team as we work towards the March 31, 2018 release. The TPA will be reviewing practices in other jurisdictions including the City of San Diego California, as noted in Item GM22.27. The list will include at minimum, TPA transaction data, TPA locations and TPA parking rates; and
- The list will be available at the March 31, 2018 release date.

Yours truly,

TORONTO PARKING AUTHORITY

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